

Mr. President, the Monmouth Hawks represent one of New Jersey's fine institutions of higher learning. Monmouth University's appearance in the NCAA tournament this year is its first ever, and an accomplishment of which the college is deservedly proud. The Hawks, led by coach Wayne Szoke, have amassed an impressive 20-9 record this year with their well-run motion offense, long-range shooting, and tenacious defense. Back in November, nobody picked them to make it to the NCAA tournament, but they are a team on the rise. Their next opponent is sure to find that out. I am pleased that Monmouth University has this opportunity to get some well-deserved national recognition and wish the Hawks the best of luck in their game tonight.

The Princeton Tigers represent one of the finest universities in the world and are not new to the NCAA tournament. However, this appearance is a special one for the Tigers as it represents the last for their great coach, Pete Carril. Coach Carril has decided to retire after 29 magnificent years at Princeton and there is no doubt that Princeton and all of college basketball will sorely miss him. On behalf of his many fans in New Jersey, I wish him the best of luck in his future, and particularly in Princeton's game tonight.●

MODIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF CONFEREES—H.R. 2854

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that with respect to the previous consent on the appointment of conferees to H.R. 2854, the consent be modified to reflect the following: With respect to the Democratic conferees, that other Democratic members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture may substitute for named Democratic members of the conference as needed, provided that no more than six Republicans or five Democratic conferees participate in the conference meetings at any given time; that the total number of Democratic and Republican conferees signing the conference report do not exceed the number so named as conferees.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. LOTT. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MEASURE READ THE FIRST TIME—S. 1618

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I send a bill to the desk and ask for its first reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1618) to provide uniform standards for the award of punitive damages for volunteer services.

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I now ask for its second reading.

Mr. FORD. Mr. President, I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate immediately proceed to executive session to consider the following nominations on today's executive calendar: Executive calendar nomination Nos. 365, 480, 498 through 501, 503, 504, 505 and 506.

I further ask unanimous consent that the nominations be confirmed en bloc; the motions to reconsider be laid upon the table en bloc; any statements relating to the nominations appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD; the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action, and the Senate then return to legislative session.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. EXON. Mr. President, reserving the right to object, and I shall not object, I just would like to make an inquiry about one officer that I believe is on the list. I want to confirm the fact that he is on the list. Captain Padgett was supposed to be confirmed tonight. I believe his name is on the list. I would like confirmation.

Mr. ABRAHAM. I confirm for the Senator from Nebraska that Officer Padgett is on the list.

Mr. EXON. I thank my friend from Michigan.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. ABRAHAM. I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there an objection to the request of the Senator from Michigan?

There being no objection, the nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

NAVY

The following-named captain in the line of the U.S. Navy for promotion to the permanent grade of rear admiral (lower half), pursuant to Title 10, United States Code, Section 624, subject to qualifications, therefore, as provided by law:

UNRESTRICTED LINE OFFICER

To be rear admiral (lower half)

Capt. John B. Padgett III, 000-00-0000, U.S. Navy.

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

James E. Johnson, of New Jersey, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

AIR FORCE

The following-named officers for promotion in the Regular Air Force of the United States to the grade indicated under title 10, United States Code, section 624:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Thomas R. Case, 000-00-0000.
Brig. Gen. Donald G. Cook, 000-00-0000.
Brig. Gen. Charles H. Coolidge, Jr., 000-00-0000.
Brig. Gen. John R. Dallager, 000-00-0000.
Brig. Gen. Richard L. Engel, 000-00-0000.
Brig. Gen. Marvin R. Esmond, 000-00-0000.
Brig. Gen. Bobby O. Floyd, 000-00-0000.
Brig. Gen. Robert H. Foglesong, 000-00-0000.
Brig. Gen. Jeffrey R. Grime, 000-00-0000.
Brig. Gen. John W. Hawley, 000-00-0000.
Brig. Gen. Michael V. Hayden, 000-00-0000.
Brig. Gen. William T. Hobbins, 000-00-0000.
Brig. Gen. John D. Hopper, Jr., 000-00-0000.
Brig. Gen. Raymond P. Huot, 000-00-0000.
Brig. Gen. Timothy A. Kinnan, 000-00-0000.
Brig. Gen. Michael C. Kostelnik, 000-00-0000.
Brig. Gen. Lance W. Lord, 000-00-0000.
Brig. Gen. Ronald C. Marcotte, 000-00-0000.
Brig. Gen. Gregory S. Martin, 000-00-0000.
Brig. Gen. Michael J. McCarthy, 000-00-0000.

Brig. Gen. John F. Miller, Jr., 000-00-0000.
Brig. Gen. Charles H. Perez, 000-00-0000.
Brig. Gen. Stephen B. Plummer, 000-00-0000.

Brig. Gen. David A. Sawyer, 000-00-0000.
Brig. Gen. Terryl J. Schwalier, 000-00-0000.
Brig. Gen. George T. Stringer, 000-00-0000.
Brig. Gen. Gary A. Voellger, 000-00-0000.

The following-named officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force, to the grade indicated, under the provisions of Title 10, United States Code, Sections 8373, 8374, 12201, and 12212:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. James F. Brown, 000-00-0000, Air National Guard of the United States.
Brig. Gen. James McIntosh, 000-00-0000, Air National Guard of the United States.

To be brigadier general

Col. Gary A. Brewington, 000-00-0000, Air National Guard of the United States.
Col. William L. Fleshman, 000-00-0000, Air National Guard of the United States.
Col. Allen H. Henderson, 000-00-0000, Air National Guard of the United States.
Col. John E. Iffland, 000-00-0000, Air National Guard of the United States.
Col. Dennis J. Kerkman, 000-00-0000, Air National Guard of the United States.
Col. Stephen M. Koper, 000-00-0000, Air National Guard of the United States.
Col. Anthony L. Liguori, 000-00-0000, Air National Guard of the United States.
Col. Kenneth W. Mahon, 000-00-0000, Air National Guard of the United States.
Col. William H. Phillips, 000-00-0000, Air National Guard of the United States.
Col. Jerry H. Risher, 000-00-0000, Air National Guard of the United States.
Col. William J. Shondel, 000-00-0000, Air National Guard of the United States.

The following-named officers for promotion in the Regular Air Force of the United States to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be brigadier general

Col. Brian A. Arnold, 000-00-0000.
Col. John R. Baker, 000-00-0000.
Col. Richard T. Banholzer, 000-00-0000.
Col. John L. Barry, 000-00-0000.
Col. John D. Becker, 000-00-0000.
Col. Robert F. Behler, 000-00-0000.